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Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING FERMENTED BEVERAGES

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The applicant hereby submits the attached PTO Form 1449 and copies of documents listed thereon which are disclosed in the attached Chinese Patent Office (CPO) Official Action which issued in a counterpart Chinese application on April 28, 2010.

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are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Entry of this IDS and favorable consideration of this application are respectfully

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